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## HOW ABOUT IT

### Peace or War is Now the Question.

### CZAR IS RECALCITRENT

### Will Not Pay any Indemnity or Cede Any Territory to Japan.

### WAR AND PEACE PARTIES

### His Majesty Becomes Real Angry at Those Who Favor Peace and Disapproves of the Insinuations Being Circulated Regarding Peace Proposals.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The members of the war party, who are at daggers' points and drawn at the friends of peace are industriously circulating reports and insinuating that if Russian diplomacy is doing anything in the direction of peace, it is without imperial sanction and is in reality only an unofficial endeavor to induce Japan to negotiate peace on lines of no cessation of territory and no indemnity and enable the advocates of peace to point out to the emperor, that peace is possible without national humiliation.

To show that the emperor is still recalcitrant on the question of prosecuting the war, they are spreading a story to the effect that when former Minister Lamsdorff, in advocating the advisability of peace, he drew the gloomiest pictures of the situation on the far east, his majesty became angry and lost patience. The persistence with which these stories are repeated, indicated beyond doubt that they are circulated with a deliberate purpose.

### JAPS SEIZE SHIP.

The British Ship Mars Has Broken in Two.

Tokio, March 30.—The steamer Industry, whose nationality has not been ascertained, was seized by the Japanese on March 28. She was presumably bound for Vladivostok.

The British steamer Mars, which was stranded off Rural Promontory on March 17 while attempting the passage of Soya strait, has broken in two under her engines. Her bow and stern are both submerged. Her captain and nine of the crew have been rescued. Her mate died from exposure.

### Fired at Police.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—A man dressed as a porter fired three shots at a secret police agent in Great Morakala street this afternoon. All of the shots missed the mark. The assailant was arrested.

### LETTER FILES WANTED.

Conviction of Hermann Doubtful Without Them.

Portland, March 30.—That the missing letter files from the office of commissioner of the general land office containing information bearing on almost every land fraud case now being investigated in Oregon, as well as on the famous Hyde-Benson-Diamond cases in California and others yet to be probed, is the latest announcement in land-fraud circles. It has been charged by a grand jury assembled in Washington, D. C., that Binger Hermann, who was commissioner at the time the documents disappeared, made way with them and it is alleged that he did so to destroy evidence. It was developed in the Oregon land fraud investigation that brought out testimony against Hermann on which an indictment was secured.

It was erroneously rumored a few days ago that Congressman Binger Hermann was en route west with the object in view of making preparations for his forthcoming trial. It now transpires that he is resting quietly in

Washington, D. C., at the residence of his son-in-law, and may not be here for another week.

Hermann is reported to have taken his indictment by the federal grand jury of the District of Columbia very much to heart. Secret Service Agent Burns, who arrived from the east yesterday, is very reticent concerning Hermann's troubles, but admits the investigations here developed the motive for the destruction of the 36 letter-press copy books belonging to the general land office, upon which Hermann was indicted by the grand jury of the District of Columbia, as well as furnishing the basis for such indictment.

### INNOCENT MAN.

Sent to the Penitentiary by False Testimony.

Salem, Ore., March 30.—An application for pardon of Albert A. Johnston, made to Governor Chamberlain yesterday afternoon, was accompanied by an affidavit showing that Johnston has been unjustly imprisoned for six years. He was sent up in 1899 from Jackson county to serve 15 years for assault on an Italian girl, aged 15, named Grace Allen. The girl, who is married to Frank Barfield, of Skidyou, now swears her charge was untrue, and it is said was compelled to make the charge by her mother, who had a grievance against Johnston. The prisoner is now over 60 years old. No action has yet been taken.

### McMillan Failed.

Missoula, March 30.—D. A. McMillan failed to throw Jack Curran four times tonight within an hour in catch-as-catch-can wrestling match. McMillan secured three falls, but only three minutes and one second were left to pin his man to the floor for the fourth fall, and he failed to do so.

## JAPANESE SCOUTING

### Endeavor to Pierce Russian Vanguard Post.

### REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVING

Land Owners in Some Russian Provinces Panic Stricken Over the Spread of Rural Disorder and Many of Them Are Deserting Their Estates.

Harbin, March 30.—Japanese scouting parties are very active in endeavoring to pierce the screen of the Russian vanguard posts and develop a disposition to ascertain the strength of the positions now occupied by the Russians. Their attempts at times have verged upon reconnaissances. Affairs are general quiet in the southern portion.

The Chinese state that heavy Japanese reinforcements are constantly arriving.

Harbin, which was greatly excited during the progress of the Russian retreat, has quieted down since Russian troops have arrived.

Kharkoff, March 30.—Land owners of the government of Kharkoff are almost panic stricken at the spread of rural disorders and many of them are deserting their estates and flocking to the cities. Peasants of the Polachoff district in the government of Saratoff are already discussing a division of their properties now owned by large proprietors.

### Case of Leprosy.

New York, March 30.—A patient's illness which he diagnosed as leprosy has been received at the Bellevue hospital. When the doctors had satisfied themselves as to the disease the man was hurried off to an isolated ward on Blackwells Island. It was the first case of the kind received at Bellevue in many years. The victim is a Russian, who has been in America only a short time.

### Sage Improving.

New York, March 30.—Russell Sage, who has been seriously ill, is much improved and was able to leave his bed today.

## MORGAN SMITH

### Nan Patterson's Accessory in Murder.

### ELUDED HIS PURSUERS

### Charged With Conspiracy in the Murder of Caesar Young in New York.

### UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES

### New Indictments Were Returned in New York Accusing Nan Patterson of the Murder of Caesar Young and Smith Arrested as Accomplice.

Cincinnati, March 30.—J. Morgan Smith and wife were arrested in this city today upon a charge of conspiracy to commit murder. The arrest was made on a telegraphic request from District Attorney Jerome of New York city.

Nan Patterson, the actress, twice put on trial for the murder of Caesar Young in New York city on May 4, 1904, is charged with conspiracy in the same connection, new indictments to that effect having been found in New York today. Smith and wife left New York a few months after the murder and before the beginning of the mistrial and for a long time the authorities have been unable to locate them.

Smith's testimony and his identity are considered almost vital to the case against Miss Patterson. Several weeks ago New York detectives met Smith in Montreal and from that time until the arrest here today this officer awaited a favorable opportunity for making the arrest, their separation soon after reaching the United States on returning from Canada having caused the delay. The detective who has been following Smith says that he went under many aliases in different cities before registering here.

The New York grand jury handed down indictments against J. Morgan Smith, Julia Smith, his wife and Nan Patterson, charging them jointly with conspiracy. The indictments are based upon letters written by Julia Smith to Caesar Young in which it was alleged there was a threat and a demand for money for the Patterson girl.

A deputy sheriff left today for Alband, with requisition papers which Governor Higgins will be asked to sign. As soon as the governor's signature is obtained, the deputy will start for Ohio. Nan Patterson has not been informed of the arrest of her sister and brother-in-law up to a late hour.

### OXFORD VS. CAMBRIDGE.

Sports at the Queen's Club Grounds Tomorrow.

London, March 30.—There is a strong probability in the Oxford-Cambridge sports at the Queen's club grounds tomorrow that the honors of the three-mile run will go to W. E. Schutt of Oxford. The Rhodes scholarship man from Cornell university, W. C. Churchill, the Cambridge star three-mile runner, has been forbidden by his physician to participate at the race.

Schutt has been going strong in practice, having beaten his American record in the two-mile run. Oxford expects to take second honors in high jump with P. M. Young of South Dakota, University Rhodes scholarship man.

### PEACE TALK.

Confined Mostly to the Newspapers of London.

London, March 30.—Peace talk is prevalent everywhere, but that negotiations have been commenced is still positively denied in all official circles here. The foreign office disclaims ever having any knowledge of peace proposals. It is quite evident, however, while the first definite step may be

taken any minute no advance further than has been indicated in the Associated Press dispatches may be postponed indefinitely.

Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, has declared to the Associated Press this afternoon that he had no information in regard to the announcement contained in the St. Petersburg Associated Press dispatches that Russia has indirectly made known negative conditions on which peace might be concluded, namely, no cessation of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan to determine whether peace negotiation could be begun on that basis, but it is said that the terms mentioned will not even be considered.

### EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Preparations for His Reception in Morocco.

Tangier, Morocco, March 30.—The preparations are complete for the reception here tomorrow of Emperor William. The pier has been carpeted and decorated and numerous arches erected in the streets along the route of the procession. The Moorish and German flags are displayed everywhere.

The Garrison is newly uniformed today and rehearsed in part for the reception, under Kadi Sir Marry MacLean. The natives are very enthusiastic over the welcome to be given the German emperor.

### Extra Session.

Washington, March 30.—Senators who called on President Roosevelt today to consult with him as to the probable time of the reassembling of congress, were informed that it was likely that a special session will be called for October 16. This will enable members of congress going on the Philippine trip to return in time for the session.

## GREAT NORTHERN

### Train Wreck Near Basin No. 1, Near St. Paul.

### THE ENGINEER WAS KILLED

Train Was Speeding Swiftly Along the Canyon on Boulder River When the Engine Struck an Obstruction and Broke Piece of Machinery.

Helena, March 30.—The Great Northern passenger train westbound from St. Paul was wrecked near basin No. 1 today, presumably by the engine colliding with a rock that had slipped down the mountain side. The train was proceeding swiftly along the canyon of Boulder river when the engine struck the obstruction and was hurled from the track, landing in the nearby river, partially demolishing and breaking pieces of machinery.

The engineer, John Webber, was instantly killed while the fireman, Davis, sustained a crushed arm and leg. Only the engine and tender left the track. The passengers escaped with a severe shaking up, and traffic was delayed for several hours.

### TWENTY-FIVE KNOTS.

Made by Torpedo Boat Destroyer Goldsborough.

Seattle, March 30.—Twenty-five knots an hour was the average speed made by the torpedo boat destroyer Goldsborough on her final trial trip held in the waters of Elliott bay this afternoon. On the fifth lap of the mile course the craft made 29.4 knots for half a mile, but she failed to keep it up, and from the report of the trial board there is little hope that she will ever be able to develop an average speed of more than 25 knots. It cannot be determined what the navy department will do regarding the Goldsborough until after the result of the trial is submitted to the bureau at Washington.

True to her reputation the Goldsborough trial was the usual feature of a series of accidents. They were of a minor character, however, consisting of trouble with the auxiliary engine and blowing out packing in her steam connections.

## SATISFACTION

### Italian Captain Appeared Appeased.

### RATIFY THE TREATY

### President Roosevelt Will Approve of the Modus Vivendi Tis Said.

### CONSIDER IMPORTANT EVENT

### News of the President's Approval Was Published in Extra Newspaper and Opens the Way to Smoother Difficulties and Relieve Critical Situation.

New York, March 30.—Captain Morlondo, commanding the Calabria with the Italian charge d'affaires, Luigi Cambiaso, visited Foreign Minister Sanchez Wednesday afternoon, cable the Herald correspondent at Santo Domingo. They presented to the minister a written demand for satisfaction of the Italian claims under the Dominican guarantee, in view of the failure of the American senate to ratify the treaty. Mr. Sanchez showed them a bulletin announcing President Roosevelt's approval of the modus vivendi explained the plan. He said that Mr. Dawson was momentarily expecting official confirmation from Washington. Captain Morlondo then asked for a written statement, which Sanchez promised Thursday. The Italian commander and the charge d'affaires politely expressed their satisfaction, Captain Morlondo explaining that he knew nothing of the modus vivendi when he sailed. The captain said in parting: "Our stay here will be doubtless brief, in view of the satisfactory American arrangements."

Shortly afterward Mr. Dawson received official confirmation that the modus vivendi has been approved and hastened to show it to Foreign Minister Sanchez.

News of President Roosevelt's action was telegraphed by President Morales to all the provincial governors and extra editions were issued by the Santo Domingo newspapers.

"This important event," said Morales, "opens the way to smoother difficulties and relieve a critical situation. The reported revolution at Monte Cristi gives me no concern. I discredit the report, but am telegraphing to the governors of the interior provinces to be watchful."

"With the Dixie and United States marines at Monte Cristi, an uprising is impossible in that port. If there were a serious movement in the interior I would know of it."

"If there is a revolution I will personally go to suppress it, but with the modus vivendi in operation none can make headway."

"The Calabria's return was ordered before the plan for the modus vivendi was known. The Italian government will now be entirely satisfied."

### RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Eighteen Passengers Injured in Accident Near Driden.

Vancouver, March 30.—The west-bound special train, filled with members of the Ontario home-seekers' excursion party, was derailed today at Driden.

Four cars were thrown down a 15-foot embankment. Two passengers were badly injured and 16 others more or less hurt. The accident is believed to have been caused by a broken rail.

### SHORT CRUISE.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Children Will Take an Outing.

Washington, March 30.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by some of her children and relatives, will leave Washington Friday for the south, probably Jacksonville, where they will go aboard the yacht Sylph for a short cruise.

The president, it is said, desired that his wife and children spend some time on a cruise believing it will benefit them. Mrs. Roosevelt contemplates returning to Washington in 12 or 15 days.

While she is away, Miss Alice Roosevelt will be in charge of the White House.

### SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Author of the Bomb Outrage Arrested in Paris.

Paris, March 30.—A man suspected of being the author of the bomb outrage in the Avenue de la Republique, when members of the republican guards and police were wounded, has been arrested.

His discovery was due to an accident.

The man is a waiter out of work, who was engaged yesterday in preparing a bomb, which exploded, severely injuring him. A search of his residence resulted in the finding of anarchist documents and the police have proof that at the time the outrage occurred, January 30. He was employed in the neighborhood.

### FINE ARTS IN ROME.

The American Academy is Nearing Completion.

New York, March 30.—An endowment fund of \$1,000,000 which has been for some time in process of formation for the maintenance of the American academy of Fine Arts in Rome, is reported to be rapidly nearing completion.

The seventh contribution of \$100,000 is, according to the Tribune, expected soon from Yale university. A similar contribution will be made in the name of Columbia university. Three subscriptions to fill out the round million are expected by June 1.

## SPRING VALLEY CO.

### Negotiations for Sale of San Francisco Water Co.

### TO AN EASTERN SYNDICATE

Eastern Capitalists to Make a Combination of the Spring Valley Water Company and the Bay City Water Company With an Unlimited Supply.

San Francisco, March 30.—The Chronicle today says:

Edward F. Cragin, chairman of the executive committee of the International Banking Corporation of New York, has been in San Francisco for some time negotiating for the sale of the Spring Valley Water Company to eastern interests for the purpose of a combination with the Bay City Water Company. It is planned to form a water trust for supplying San Francisco, even when its population reaches a million, and for supplying the cities across the bay as well.

While every effort has been and is being made by the promoters of the gigantic deal to keep the proceedings secret, it is known that the scheme involves the consolidating of the plant of the Spring Valley Water Company with that of the Bay City Water Company and possibly other nearby water works, with eastern capital to back and control the monopoly. The acquisition of a Sierra Nevada source of supply is also included in the project.

All those in a position to be fully informed in respect to the proposed deal are extremely reticent in relating to it.

### LANDS WITHDRAWN.

760,000 Acres of Land Withdrawn in Oregon and Washington.

Washington, March 30.—The secretary of the interior today ordered the withdrawal from entry of 690,000 acres of land in Oregon and 90,000 acres in Washington on account of the Umatilla project.

### Base Ball.

San Francisco—Seattle 0, San Francisco 4.  
Oakland—Tacoma 3, Oakland 0.  
Los Angeles—Portland 6, Los Angeles 5.